



NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**COMPLAINT AGAINST
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**Instructions
(08 NCAC
03 .0101)**

Any voter desiring to bring charges of a violation of the North Carolina Administrative Code or of Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes with the State Board of Elections against a member of any county board of elections may do so by filing with the Board a written statement, signed and sworn under oath or affirmation of the voter. The statement must contain:

- 1) the name, residence address, and county of the member against whom the charges are brought;
- 2) a statement of the facts constituting the violation alleged, with a reference to the date and place of such misconduct; and
- 3) the names and addresses of persons who have knowledge or information of the matters referred to in the charges as filed.

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**1
Information
About Person**

Wayne Schaeffer
Name

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Bladen

County

Filing Complaint

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White Lake

NC

28337

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**2
Information
about County
Board Member
Against Whom
You are Filing a
Complaint**

Patricia Sheppard
Name

Bladen

County

20134 NC Hwy 87
Address

St. Paul's

NC

29384

City

State

Zip Code

Date the alleged violation occurred:

April 2019 to present

Place the alleged violation occurred:

Digital on-line news media forums; group emails



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Description of Violation

Provide a statement of the facts constituting the violation alleged.

Be as specific as you can, providing all relevant facts and circumstances of the potential violations.

You should also include a citation to the applicable rule, law, or duty you believe has been violated. 08 NCAC 03 .0102 states that the State Board shall set a hearing if the charges preferred include prima facie evidence of any of the following: “(1) a violation of these Rules or of any election law under Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes; (2) a breach of a duty imposed by Chapter 163; or (3) participation in irregularities, incapacity, or incompetency to discharge the duties of the office.” **Attach additional pages if needed.**

It is noted that NC General Statute para 163A-796, paragraph two, states that ‘Individual expressions of opinion, support, or opposition **not intended for general public distribution** shall not be deemed a violation of this part.’ Thus, any reasonable person would conclude that the highlighted portion clearly infers that any individual expressions of opinion which *ARE* intended for public viewing or dissemination *ARE*, in fact, impermissible.

Bladen County Board of Elections member Patsy Sheppard has, on innumerable occasions, made startlingly clear that she is incapable of functioning as a non-partisan, unbiased board member. A representative sampling of her comments posted into online news media forums, as well as in emails forwarded to fellow board members, county party chairmen, and to the acting attorney for Bladen County’s board of elections, demonstrates an unmistakable, unethical, and thoroughly unprofessional evidence of partisan prejudice. The following specific instances are noted:

- (1) Reader’s comments which Sheppard posted between July, 2019, and September 2019, demonstrate that she is using her knowledge and position on the county board of elections to presumptively litigate the investigation into the background activities of Mr. McCrae Dowless, who is currently under indictment, but who has NOT, at this time, been convicted of any election-related crimes. Her comments are imperative, suggesting that she already KNOWS Dowless is guilty—before Dowless has even had a trial. This is not only unethical and improper, it suggests an illegal and public effort to taint the prospective outcome of Mr. Dowless’ future appearance in court. These remarks are clearly outside the purview of a county board of elections member.
- (2) A second compilation of comments published into online news media reader’s comments forums between April, 2019, and August 2019, clearly demonstrates Sheppard’s palpable contempt for the Republican Party, and for certain individuals in particular, notably the President of the United States. Her name-calling is both snide, contemptuous, outrageous in context, and grossly immature. (In all instances, the comments are noted as to when they were posted, and to what article, and to what news media site, they are linked.) These sorts of comments are wholly inappropriate for a sitting board member to post into a public media platform, and they represent an inarguable and unacceptable level of bias.
- (3) Sheppard published a Letter To The Editor in the Tuesday, September 17, 2019 edition to the Bladen Journal in which, while attempting to decry the issue of election fraud in North Carolina, she not only makes a slur against a fellow sitting board member, but makes the clear inference in her letter that there are corrupt forces within the county—going back to 2004—which have impeded investigations into voter fraud. Again, it is correct to note that, while her comments and observations may be wholly suitable coming from an unelected or unappointed individual, in this particular instance her comments can only be construed as representing a factual, legal opinion. Since she sits on the county’s board of elections, ipso facto, her letter represents a settled legal opinion from the county board of elections. Clearly, this is a violation of ethics, and is not only wholly impermissible and unprofessional, it falls completely outside the scope of her authority.
- (4) On Aug 29, 2019, Sheppard forwarded an email to myself, the Democrat Party chairman, her fellow election board members, and to the county attorney, putting herself on ‘official record’ noting her opinion regarding a discussion which was held two days prior regarding her husband acting as a poll observer. As noted in other areas in dispute, Ms Sheppard appears to use this email as an opportunity to attack, vilify, and disparage the Republican Party, as well as certain Republican Party members in the county. I found her remarks so incorrect, so egregious, and so palpably contemptuous,



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**Description of
Violation
(continued)**

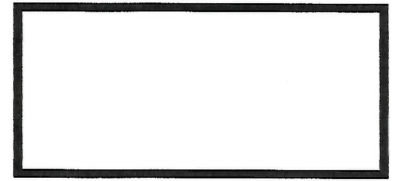
that I forwarded the email to Katelyn Love, Acting General Counsel, along with my evaluation of the email. As I noted in my email response, I did not evaluate her email as helpful, but rather as an attempt to intimidate, and/or to threaten me in some unspecified way. I am including copies of those emails in an effort to further clarify the *astounding* level of unethical and unprofessional behavior which Ms Sheppard evidences.

Taken together, *all* of these instances of biased behavior represent an outrageous and aggressive attempt to marginalize and to delegitimize the Republican Party of Bladen County. This is unacceptable, and is wholly contrary to the spirit of the board of elections oath of office to well and truly execute the duties of that office. With respect to these many documented instances of prejudicial behavior, it is strongly recommended that Ms Sheppard be removed from her position as a member of the Bladen County Board of Elections. She demonstrates neither the will, nor the conduct, to function in a professional and non-biased capacity.



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4 Names & Addresses of Persons who Have Knowledge Related to the Charges Filed

Provide the names and addresses, so far as you know, of persons who have knowledge or information of the matters referred to in the charges as filed.
Attach additional pages if necessary.

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5 Attestation

I hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury and other penalties established by North Carolina law, that the information provided in this complaint is true, correct, complete, and of my own personal knowledge, or if not, I believe the information to be true based upon the following:

X Wayne K. Schutte

Signature of Complainant

9/30/19

Date

6 Notarization

State of North Carolina, County of Bladen

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me,

This 30th day of September, 20 19

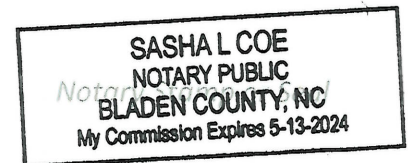
Signature of Notary Public:

Sasha L Coe

Printed Name of Notary Public:

Sasha L Coe

My Commission Expires 05-13-24





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The following comments from Patsy Sheppard demonstrate personal opinions clearly intended for general public distribution or dissemination to the public at large, since they were freely and openly published on The Robesonian news site.

While personal expressions of opinion are allowable under N.C. General Statute para 163A-796, comments that are published and readily available to the public, and which suggest a partisan or prejudicial political bias, or which suggest a settled legal opinion from an appointed election board official, are not. The comments noted below appear to be in violation of this General Statute.

Patsy Sheppard dph62 Aug 27, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/boe_complaints_fly_oxendine_resigns_position/#comment-4594360348

So true. If only the Republicans would do that in Bladen County. They are too busy trying to still cover it up.

Patsy Sheppard dph62 Aug 27, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/boe_complaints_fly_oxendine_resigns_position/#comment-4594360348

No, I was not trying to infer that you stated anything other than opinion.

But that "the other guy did it in the past so that makes my wrongdoing acceptable" excuse is wearing thin. As is the "everybody does it" defense.

There is evidence that Dowless worked for Democrats and Republicans. The only EVIDENCE that I have seen that he stole absentee ballots for a Democrat was in the 2010 primary, and the candidate he worked for lost. Dowless got much better at stealing votes after that.

Patsy Sheppard dph62 Aug 27, 2019

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McCrae Dowless and those who hired him are responsible for election fraud. In 2018 he was hired by 4 Republicans to commit election fraud. He has in the past been hired by Democrats as well. Only one of those Democrats is in office. The rest have changed their registration to Republican and continued to hire him or did not win their elections. Facts matter.

Patsy Sheppard dph62 Aug 27, 2019

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Complaints were filed by the Bladen County Democratic Party in every election beginning in 2010 about McCrae Dowless's illegal activities including when he was working for candidates registered as Democrats. (At least four of those "Democrats" are now registered Republicans.) Every single election, including municipal elections.

Not one complaint has ever been filed against him by the Republican Party. In fact, a Republican elected official bailed Dowless out of jail.

Patsy Sheppard dph62 Aug 26, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/boe_complaints_fly_oxendine_resigns_position/#comment-4594360348

No, my comment states that people of one party are the only ones complaining about having poll observers in this election. Which is true.

I think if you read again what I wrote that will be clear to you.

Dowless has taken money from politicians from both parties. He has no allegiance to anything except money. But in 2018 he took about \$180,000 from Republican politicians only to steal votes for them.

Patsy Sheppard G C Bryan Aug 25, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/boe_complaints_fly_oxendine_resigns_position/#comment-4594360348

Absentee ballots have been bought and sold in Bladen County for many years by McCrae Dowless. There was plenty of testimony in the state board of elections hearings in 2016 and 2019 that confirmed it.

Patsy Sheppard Kathy Barnes Aug 25, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/boe_complaints_fly_oxendine_resigns_position/#comment-4594360348
I disagree. I think we are doing a much better job. So far no elections have been stolen under the new board for one thing.

Patsy Sheppard G C Bryan Aug 25, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/boe_complaints_fly_oxendine_resigns_position/#comment-4594360348

Poll observers are volunteers who are appointed by the Chairman of the Democratic and Republican Parties to work for them. The county BOE has no authority to approve or deny those appointments as the Bladen County Board of Elections attorney explained fully in the meeting.

I suspect the real reason people of your party are whining and complaining about poll observers is because of what they observed McCrae Dowless and people like him doing in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and especially 2018. If you had nothing to hide you would be GLAD to have professional investigators watching polling places to make sure election fraud is stopped.

What are you so afraid that the observers will see?

Patsy Sheppard July 8, 2019 https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/redistricting_should_favor_votes/#comment-4531484215

It is true that both parties have gerrymandered in NC for some kind of advantage, but the current gerrymandered districts are the first created by the party which has a minority of the registered voters in our state and which were created specifically to obtain 78% of the congressional seats with only 50% of the votes.

The are also the first districts created using high tech computer programs that allow personal voter information to be analyzed to the point that districts zigzag in and out of neighborhoods specifically to pack as many Democrats into just three out of thirteen districts as possible, allowing Democrats to win those three districts by tens of thousands of votes while allowing Republicans to win ten seats by narrow, but guaranteed, margins.

To compare past gerrymandering in our state to the current power grab is like comparing a Model T to a Tesla- both are automobiles but that is about all they have in common.

So while politicians like Tim Moore, Phil Berger, Robin Hayes, Dallas Woodhouse, and the particularly odious David Lewis currently strut around bragging about their successful power grab, they would indeed be wise to remember what it felt like to be on the other side of that power grab and prepare themselves for the possibility of being on the losing side again. Because if the Democrats do decide to draw districts just as unfairly as the Republicans did this time, Republican whining and complaining will be just as hypocritical and dishonest as most everything else they say.

Patsy Sheppard G C Bryan • Sept 14,

[2019https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/robeson_makes_the_difference_in_district_9/](https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/robeson_makes_the_difference_in_district_9/)

I am on the elections board in Bladen County so I know quite a bit first hand about the election fraud that occurred.

There is no doubt that enough votes were tampered with to change not only the results of the McCreedy-Harris race but two other races in the 2018 election, as well as local races in the 2016 election.

You spew that "innocent until proven guilty" every time a Republican is implicated in wrongdoing, but you condemn every Democrat at every opportunity.

You are the biggest hypocrite I have ever seen.



The following on-line comments are noted from the various articles and news sites noted below—

[Hull explains pro-life position/Robesonian](#)

[Bladen County gets three members for election board/Bladen Journal](#) (Editor's note: This story was first published March 22, 2019. It was removed April 2, 2019, and republished same day.)

[Trump to stump for Bishop on election eve/Robesonian](#)

Patsy Sheppard Ron Parker May 13,, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/hull_explains_pro_life_position/#comment-4460740971

"And that personal religious beliefs are not factors in making laws under the US Constitution.

As to your idiotic comment about "the commandment", when you start being concerned *about the present leadership who breaks them everyday*, maybe you will appear to be more than just the typical male hypocrite who claims to be a Christian when it suits him."

Patsy Sheppard Ron Parker May 13, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/hull_explains_pro_life_position/#comment-4460740971

"...Republicans have fallen quite far from the party of emancipation to become the party of sexism, white supremacy, and immoral equivalency."

Patsy Sheppard Mike Johnson April 1, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/bladenjournal/bladen_county_gets_three_members_for_election_board/#comment-4405759031

"But it is okay for a sexual deviant to be POTUS.

As long as he is a white male whose deviancy is limited to girls and women."

Patsy Sheppard April 17, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/bladenjournal/bladen_countys_new_election_board_holds_first_meeting/#comment-4426458425

One thing I can say with certainty about the intelligence of the three current board members is that we are all college educated, retired educators, and too smart to be married *to a male who is a physical abuser* like GC Bryan.

Patsy Sheppard G C Bryan • April 1, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/bladenjournal/bladen_county_gets_three_members_for_election_board/#comment-4405759031

Mr. McIntyre is far too intelligent and moral of a man to ever vote for *an immoral lunatic like Trump*.

Patsy Sheppard Mike Johnson April 1, 2019

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"Nope, I don't want you to be anything but the Trump loving moral equivocator that you are.

You certainly get upset when I point out that Trump is a racist, sexing, lying deviant. As the ideal Christian you think yourself to be, I don't know why the truth offends and upsets you so much.

I have not decided who I will support in 2020, but it will not be a racist, sexist, lying, adulterous, sexually deviant moron like Trump.

As to the candidates that you disparage in your last pathetic deflection (at least your 20th in this one thread), every one of them has more class and intelligence and decency than the *odious Trump* you adore so much.

But I guess you would rather have someone more like yourself *than a decent person in the White House.*"

Patsy Sheppard Mike Johnson • April 1, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/bladenjournal/bladen_county_gets_three_members_for_election_board/#comment-4405759031

People with any decency do not want a racist, sexist, lying, adulterous, deviant in the White House. Yet you are thrilled with it.

Patsy Sheppard Ben Smith August 30, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/trump_to_stump_for_bishop_on_election_eve/#comment-4598209522

Democrats do not think real Republicans are insane, just different minded.

But the current bunch of cult members are most definitely not Republicans and have lost their moral compasses completely.

True Republicans are fiscally conservative, believe in individual freedoms, and base their decisions on scientific facts. They understand the importance of compromise and respect the Constitution and the separation of church and state.

I would feel quite comfortable with a true Republican like John Kasich, Mitt Romney, Evan McMullin, Jeff Flake, Tim Scott, Susan Collins, or the late John McCain in the Oval Office. None of them are immoral lunatics.

Patsy Sheppard TC Andrews August 30, 2019

https://disqus.com/home/discussion/robesonian/trump_to_stump_for_bishop_on_election_eve/#comment-4598209522

It would not require 905 votes, only half. People who worked for Dowless testified that he took absentee ballots from voters who voted for Democrats and altered them to vote for Republicans, or threw away ballots with votes for Democrats and replaced them with ballots for Republicans.

Taking one vote away from a candidate and giving it to his opponent causes a 2 vote swing.

A former law enforcement officer gave a sworn statement that he saw Dowless in possession of a stack of ballots that Dowless told him was over 800 votes that he was "saving to use on Election Day".

Patsy Sheppard G C Bryan August 30, 2019

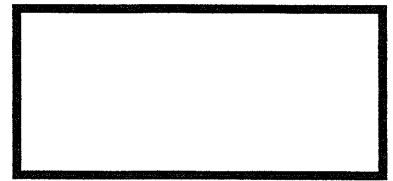
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American values like racism, sexism, locking children in cages, stealing elections, etc?

Patsy Sheppard dph62 August 27, 2019

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LETTERS

Both parties share election fraud guilt

To the Editor:

I would like to address a comment made at a Sept. 10 Board of Elections meeting. A Republican board member said that McCrae Dowless would never have been accused of election fraud if he was a Democrat.

Complaints have been filed about McCrae Dowless's illegal practices by both Republicans and Democrats alike since at least 2004. Those complaints led to several years of investigation by state election officials and multiple referrals for prosecution by investigators.

What made 2018 different was a determined group of individuals realized that the legal system had chosen to allow election fraud to continue unabated in

Bladen County and a different course of action was needed. That included appealing directly to the state Board of Elections and collecting hard evidence of election fraud, using professional investigators and citizen volunteers (Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliateds). Next was bringing national attention to the fraud that exists in Bladen County to make it impossible to ignore.

Some current and former local officials continue to deny the existence of fraud in our elections despite the mountain of evidence and multiple indictments awaiting trial, instead choosing to deflect and make excuses for the rampant cheating in Bladen County.

Stealing votes and

elections is not limited by party affiliation, nor can only one party put an end to it in Bladen County. It would be easier to end the corruption if those who claim to be "right" would stop denying the corruption, stop pointing fingers at everyone except themselves, and stop impeding those who are doing their best to end it.

Patsy Sheppard
St. Pauls

From: Patricia Sheppard
Thu, Aug 29, 8:28 AM (1 day ago)
To: Louella, Belledeborah777, emerywhite73, Dpa65, Lrryhys, Wayne, Allen

For the official record, I want it noted that on August 20, 2019 Bladen County Board of Elections member Emery White expressed in an open public meeting his opposition to Dwight Sheppard's (my husband) service as a volunteer poll observer for the Democratic Party in the 2019 Special Election for the 9th District Congressional seat. Mr. White's comments were followed by Bladen County Republican Party Chairman Wayne Schaeffer's remarks about the possible "public perception" of my husband's presence in a polling place.

On August 27, 2019, neither Mr. White nor Mr. Schaeffer expressed any such concern about Mr. Schaeffer's appointment of Bobby Ludlum to the same position for the Bladen County Republican Party, despite the fact that Mr. Ludlum is a near relative (Mr. Ludlum has at various times said it is uncle or cousin, perhaps it is both) to McCrae Dowless.

For clarification, Dwight Sheppard assisted in the investigation of election fraud in Bladen County, and McCrae Dowless committed the election fraud in Bladen County according to multiple indictments. I was appointed to the Bladen County Board of Elections in 2019. Mr. Ludlum's reappointment to the same board was rejected because of the election fraud committed by his relative during Mr. Ludlum's previous terms on the board.

The shameless hypocrisy of the entire Bladen County Republican Party organization was on full public display on August 27, 2019 and I would have gladly pointed it out at Tuesday's meeting except for the presence of a national journalist who is making a documentary about the history of election fraud in Bladen County.

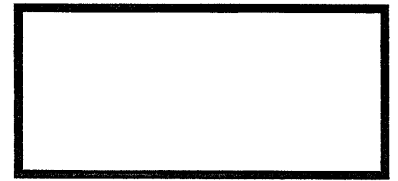
Our county certainly needs no more public evidence of the corruption of the entire electoral process that has been pervasive systemwide, including among board members and party chairs. I had thought that perhaps we were all equally committed to ending that corruption and working together in a bipartisan manner to restore integrity to the elections process in Bladen County. Obviously I was mistaken and the Republican Party's agenda is something quite different.

Additionally, the appointment of G.C. Bryan as a poll observer has elicited comments of concern from some election employees who know his history of disrespect and mistreatment of minorities and women, including his own wife, all three of our female board members, and numerous others. Those election employees have been instructed to have the chief judge or crew leader immediately and permanently eject from the polling place any poll observer that behaves in a disruptive or inappropriate manner.



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From: Wayne Schaeffer/Bladen County GOP Chairman
To: Katelyn Love/Acting General Counsel

30 Aug 2019

Ms Love --

Please note the attached formal email which I received from Bladen County Democrat election board member, Patsy Sheppard. You will note that the tenor of the email makes it clear that the intent of the email is not to inform, but rather to discredit or disallow my choices for poll observers to enter any polling location, on the premise that their mere presence will be 'disruptive or inappropriate'. I assess this email as threatening, to say the least.

In her rather lengthy narrative, she fails to note that, during the Aug. 20 BOE session, I countered Mr. Emery White's opinion about her husband serving as a poll observer, and that, in fact, I affirmed that the Democrat Chairman had every authority, as acting head of the county's Democrat Party, to recommend whomever he chose. My comment about 'public perception' was to the extent that, while I understood he (Dwight Sheppard) is her husband (and thus, quite possibly biased), nevertheless, it was within the purview of the Dem Chairman to make the recommendation, and that I would not post any objection. In fact, I made a further remark noting that I was quite sure both he, and she, understood their ethical and professional responsibilities while acting in their capacities during this election. Interestingly, she doesn't seem to recall that remark from me.

Based on innumerable public comments which she has posted on reader's comments forums online regarding her personal dislike of the individuals whom I have selected as at-large poll observers, I fully expected her to challenge my choices. Nevertheless, I made it clear to the entire board that I was willing to ignore the clear perception of bias that recommending her own husband as an observer created. Clearly, the intent of the attached email from her is not to inform, but to intimidate, and/or to harass.

Regarding the gentlemen whom she references -- Mr. Bobby Ludlum sat on the county board of elections for many years, was well regarded by his peers, and is well-versed and very knowledgeable about the election process. However, he is ALSO quite knowledgeable about the history of mis-performance and malfeasance regarding this board in earlier election cycles. This evidently represents an unacceptable threat to her. Mr. GC Bryan is another matter altogether. Mr. Bryan is a retired insurance broker, and has a past history of spousal abuse. He acknowledges that, and acknowledges that both he and his wife have had many hours of counseling, in order to move beyond their conflicts. While I respect Ms Sheppard's personal feelings about him, those personal feelings and public insinuations about his character have no bearing on his ability to perform ethically and professionally as an at-large poll observer.

I note that her 'on record' email addressees includes Bladen County attorney Allen Johnson, who serves in an adjunct advisory capacity with the Bladen BOE. I do not know if she 'vetted' her email narrative with him first, but I am noting his receipt of her email. In light of the previous email which I have forwarded to you regarding ethics violations, I assess this attached email from Ms Sheppard as a threat, and a direct attempt to intimidate both myself, the gentlemen whom I have selected as observers, and to Bladen County's Republican Party. This is rapidly becoming an unmanageable and outrageous farce, and it appears to represent an ongoing attempt by this board member to delegitimize and to discredit Bladen County's Republican Party. Thus, I am urging your office to investigate and to evaluate the attached email, and along with the ethics violations I noted in the earlier email, to take prompt and decisive actions to halt these threatening, partisan efforts at intimidation, up to and including the removal of the offending board members.

V/R

Wayne Schaeffer
Bladen County Republican Chairman